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TAGS: OVIP (KAUNDA, KENNETH), ZA, US

SUBJECT: KAUNDA VISIT

REF: LUSAKA 984

1. MARK CHONA MET FOR ABOUT HALF HOUR APRIL 18 WITH
S/CPR, AF/E AND SECRET SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES IN CONNEC-
TION WITH PLANNING FOR KAUNDA VISIT.

2. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING AND OTHER TECHNICAL
ASPECTS, CHONA FOCUSED ON SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT. HE SEEMED
SHARPLY DISAPPOINTED WHEN TOLD, IN RESPONSE TO HIS DIRECT
QUESTION, THAT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WAS SCHEDULED FOR
30-45 MINUTES. CHONA SAID THAT WITH "VERY SERIOUS WAR
SITUATION" TO NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST OF ZAMBIA, KAUNDA
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COULD NOT JUSTIFY LEAVING COUNTRY UNLESS SUBSTANTIVE PAYOFF
WERE WORTHWHILE. CHONA STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH YALE DEGREE
PROVIDED EXCUSE FOR TRAVEL, REAL MOTIVE WAS TO HAVE DE-
TAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

3. OTHER VISIT DETAILS: CHONA INDICATED KAUNDA'S 707
WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO BRADLEY FIELD (WINDSOR LOCKS, CT)

ON MAY 15. PARTY WTLL TOTAL MAXIMUM OF 50, INCLUDTNG PLANE
CREW AND SECURITY. MRS. KAUNDA WILL ACCOMPANY THE

PRESIDENT. FOR WASHINGTON SEGMENT, CHONA ASSUMED PRE-
SIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT WOULD ARRIVE AT ANDREWS IN AFTERNOON
OF MAY 19, AND THAT KAUNDA WOULD REMAIN IN WASHINGTON
UNTIL EARLY EVENING OF MAY 22, WHEN WOULD DEPART FOR
EUROPE. CHONA WAS VAGUE ON WHAT KAUNDA WOULD HOPE TO DO
HERE AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, INDICATING AT
ONE POINT THAT ZAMBIANS WOULD DEFER TO US SIDE ON THIS,
"WHATEVER WOULD BE MOST USEFUL." IN MEETING, CHONA WAS
NONCOMMITTAL ABOUT IDEA OF GOING TO NEW YORK CITY MAY 21
FOR MEETINGS, INCLUDING PERHAPS AT UN. AFTERWARD, HOWEVER,
CHONA TOLD AF/E DIRECTOR THAT IF HE WERE TO SUGGEST THIS
TO "THE COUNCIL" IN LUSAKA IN LIEU OF FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE
MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, THAT WOULD MEAN CANCELLATION OF
THE VISIT.

4. CHONA INTENDS TO LEAVE US APRIL 19, AND ACCORDING TO
ZAMBIAN EMBOFF WILL RETURN TO LUSAKA SUNDAY APRIL 24.
CHONA SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO
HAVE TO REPORT TO STATE HOUSE THAT SUBSTANTIVE YIELD FROM
US VISIT WOULD BE SO MEAGER. FYI: DEPARTMENT HOPES WORD
OF ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN PLANNED WASHINGTON SCHEDULE WILL
REACH YOU PRIOR HIS RETURN. END FYI.

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